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The National Park Service and Densho Utilize America's Best Idea Grant for Local Teacher Training

TULELAKE, California — The Tule Lake Unit is one of 34 national parks across the country selected to receive a 2013 America's Best Idea grant from the National Park Foundation. Inspired by the critically acclaimed Ken Burns' documentary "The National Parks: America's Best Idea," the America's Best Idea program funds park activities designed to connect diverse, under-served and under-engaged populations throughout the United States with their national parks in innovative and meaningful ways.

The NPS partnered with Densho to provide a teacher workshop to over 30 local teachers in Klamath Falls. Teachers who attended learned ways to incorporate primary sources into their lesson plans that tell the story of Japanese American incarceration during WWII. As part of the workshop, teachers were treated to a field trip to the Tule Lake Segregation Center. Additionally, several teachers who attended the workshop will receive bus funding from the grant for their classes to take a field trip to the site.

"This program gave us the opportunity to connect local teachers to the relevance of this nationally important local story. We look forward to continuing to develop these connections between the local community and their national park", said Superintendent Mike Reynolds.

The Tule Lake Unit was very excited to partner not only with the National Park Foundation, and Densho to provide this exceptional experience to local teachers. Densho is a Pacific Northwest based non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the testimonies of Japanese Americans who were unjustly incarcerated during WWII. To learn more about Densho please visit their website at www.densho.org.

The National Park Foundation wishes to thank L.L. Bean, the Anschutz Family Foundation, and The Ahmanson Foundation for their generous support of the America's Best Idea program. For more information on the National Park Foundation or how you can support and protect America's national parks, please visit www.nationalparks.org.

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The Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific, established in 2008, is a nationally significant site dedicated to telling the story of the cost of war on the home front and the lasting effects of the unjust incarceration of over 18,000 US citizens and long-term residents of Japanese ancestry at the Tule Lake Segregation Center.

For more information about visiting the Tule Lake Unit of World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument, call 530-260-0537, tule_interpretation@nps.gov, or go to www.nps.gov/tule. Also, visit the park's Facebook and Twitter pages.

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